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bill, or my colleagues will vote in favor of one of the motions that I offer. We can do it the easy way or we can do it the hard way. This is not one of those bills that is beneficial to the state and the state's people. It is not the kind of bill which any senator can vote on; then boast about having supported it when he or she talks to young students, whether they're in elementary school, high school, or college. It is one of those positions that requires a lot of moral scrambling, a nimbleness manipulating words to try to justify that which is unjustifiable. If the state is going to acknowledge that an ailment known as compulsive gambling exists, if the state is going to acknowledge further that this ailment is harmful to the individual who is afflicted and to the individual's family. and ultimately to society, the state then cannot do anything which plays a guilty part in perpetuating that ailment. What we are being asked to do repeatedly by the gambling interests within the state and outside the state...why do I say outside this GTECH does not headquarter in the state of Nebraska. Interests outside this state will see a way to garner profit for themselves at the expense of the public and the individuals who do suffer from that compulsive gambling syndrome, sickness, or whatever it would be called. If you adopt this bracket motion, this bill goes away. I would like to ask Senator Janssen a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator, would you respond?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Janssen, has a vote been taken on

this bill before?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what was the outcome of that vote?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, if I remember right, last year it was getting towards...I think it was on a Friday, and we didn't have

many people here, and it lost by a couple of votes, yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the fact is, it was given a vote, and